

REMARKS

SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTION

The Examiner indicated that the application contains Claims 9-17 and 25-33 which are drawn to an invention non-elected with traverse and that a complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of non-elected claims or other appropriate action. The Examiner also indicated that rejoinder of Claims 9-17 and 25-33 would present 112 problems.

Claims 36-39 and 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Further, the Examiner indicated that Claims 36 and 42 contain new matter.

Claims 1-8, 18-24, 34-35, 40, 41 and 45 are allowed.

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 36, 38 and 42 to address the 35 USC 112 rejection of Claims 36-39 and 42-44. In particular, Applicant has amended the claims to recite that the first and third terminals are proximate the long sides. Applicant respectfully submits that the basis for such amendment is found within the specification and that Claims 36-39 and 42-44 are now in condition for allowance.

By this Amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 9-17 and 25-33. Accordingly, all of the remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-8, 18-24, and 34-45 are in condition for allowance. An expedited Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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